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AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GOV. WILSON.

A special dispatch from Trenton, N. J., to the Baltimore Sun says that a charity and correction association in New Jersey have found out that in some districts of the State men barter away their wives or will swap wives for a little "to boot."

Before Governor Wilson starts in to reform the nation wouldn't it be well for him to return home from Bermuda and reform his own State before giving up his office as Governor of that State?

SENATE MAY BE REPUBLICAN.

The death of Senator Isador Rayner, of Maryland, will add one more Republican Senator in the present Congress, and in fact the new Senator will serve until January, 1914.

Governor Goldsborough's appointee will serve through the special session of Congress and the death of Senator Rayner makes it doubtful whether the Democrats will have a majority in the next Senate.

SENATE WITHOUT A PRESIDING OFFICER.

With the beginning of the session of Congress next Monday, the Senate will be without a presiding officer and without any definite prospect of being able to agree upon one.

Since the death of Senator Frye the Senate has been unable to agree upon a President pro tem.

The Democrats are anxious to name Senator Bacon, of Georgia, for the honor, but he is objectionable to the Progressives and will not receive their support.

Since the death of Vice-President Sherman the President of the Senate will draw the Vice-President's salary, which amounts to \$12,000 a year.

Unless the Progressives and Republicans can agree upon one candidate the Senate will have to wag along without any President, in which event the honors would probably alternate between Senator Bacon and Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire.

WHY NOT BE FAIR?

For the past three months the Democrats and stand-pat Republicans have been abusing the Roosevelt forces because they did not give way and allow Mr. Taft part of the Presidential electors in California notwithstanding that under the State law Mr. Taft was not entitled to any electors in that State.

DEMOCRATS RUSH TO SELL COTTON.

The Raleigh News and Observer reports that the Superintendent of the penitentiary sold 838 bales of cotton a few days ago that was produced on the State farms.

The article further states that the majority of the board considered it wise to sell at this time.

Isn't it strange that a Democratic board should have considered it wise to sell cotton before President-elect Wilson and a Democratic Congress takes control of the reins of government? If they are expecting better times under Wilson, wonder why they didn't hold the cotton for a better price?

CAUSE OF POSTAL DEFICIT.

The postoffice department at Washington states that political campaign material transmitted free of postage through the mails accounts for the difference between a postal surplus and a postal deficit for the last fiscal year, ending June 30.

As the Democrats claim they are economical and want to save the government all the expense possible, they will soon have an opportunity of showing that economical streak by abolishing the franking privilege and pay postage on all their campaign documents.

TRIFLING WITH THE PUBLIC.

It appears that the Democrats at the last session of Congress were only trifling with the President, and with the country when they passed the "pop-gun" tariff bills.

"According to a staff correspondent of The New York Evening Post, writing from Washington, this conversation took place between Chairman Oscar W. Underwood of the House Ways and Means Committee and a New England manufacturer several weeks ago.

A "squib" in Monday's Raleigh Times says:

"The man who is too lazy to work is always seeking a public office." The Times may cause its readers to believe that there are a lot of lazy Democrats.

The alienist decided that Colonel Roosevelt's assailant is insane and the presiding judge issued an order committing Schrank to an insane hospital.

Inasmuch as Schrank had admitted shooting Colonel Roosevelt, it seems that he could have been committed to the insane department of the penitentiary where his confinement would be more secure.

Many of the Democratic papers claim that President Wilson and the Democratic Congress understand the tariff already and that it will be useless to have a tariff commission or have any public hearings on the tariff before framing the bill when the extra session meets.

"Yancey County is in a turmoil. The Republican and the Democratic candidates for the Legislature tied, each receiving 1,102 votes. The election board met yesterday and proceeded to untie the tie by announcing that the Democrat was elected.

Certainly the Democrat is no more entitled to the place than is the Republican. He should not be allowed to decide his own case.

Eugene V. Debbs, the Socialist candidate for President, prophesies that the Republican party is in a dying condition and that the Progressive Party will disintegrate.

The newspaper men that have been picturing President-elect Wilson as a man of such even temper will now have to note a few exceptions. While Mr. Wilson was basking in the sunlight on the "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" a few days ago a photographer snapped a picture of the Governor which caused his wrath to rise and he threatened to thrash the photographer right on the spot.

Don't you know that exhibition of temper will cause the office-seekers to tremble when they go to the White House to have him settle their squabbles?

WITH THE EDITORS.

The little politicians will find out that they cannot get as thick with the big ones as they could before the recent election.—Durham Herald.

The one fly in the ointment is the prospect of having some Democratic "revenoo doodlers." Who could have thought the party would ever come to that?

The Republicans are not the only people that Mr. Wilson will have to watch to keep from running his administration in the hole.—Durham Herald.

If the Democrats do not make good this time the Progressives will get some Democratic votes next time if they will only keep in the middle of the road.

Of course it was annoying, yet it would have been a dickens of a come-off if Mr. Wilson had lit into that photographer and come out second best.—Durham Herald.

The Democrats themselves know that they can't reduce the "high cost of living" without hurting the farmers, but still they say they are going to do it. Say, Mr. Farmer, do you get this?—Clinton News-Dispatch.

The Democrats have all the rope and no doubt will hang themselves; but what we dread about it is, the rest of us will have to drink soup while the Democrats are turning up their toes.—Clinton News-Dispatch.

They began to name their babies after Wilson before the returns were all in. They did that way in Cleveland times and then some of them changed the names after four years.—Yellow Jacket.

The Greensboro Record notes that on Monday, November 18, Congressman Stedman received eight letters in his morning mail and every one of them was an application for a job.—Union Republican.

Trouble-makers now on the scene in Washington are arranging the stage for the initial collision between Bryan on one side and the Democratic leaders in the House and Senate on the other. It is assumed that fight is inevitable. Just where Wilson is to come in is not clearly forecast as yet.—Union Republican.

Mexico City, Nov. 24.—No fewer than twenty-five villages have been destroyed in the State of Oaxaca in the last ten days by Government troops.

The administration, believing the rebels in that region have been sufficiently cowed by the terrible warfare which has been waged, has now sanctioned orders for the retirement of the greater part of the Federals from that State, leaving the final pacification to local troops.

In spite of the fact that the Federals in all the districts invested by Zapatistas have been freely using the right conferred by the suspension of the guarantees to execute summarily, there is little if any improvement in the general situation.

FIGHTING MAY CONTINUE.

Turks Refuse to Agree to Proposed Terms—Other Countries May Become Involved.

The fighting between Turkey and the Balkan States may continue. Turkey has refused to agree to the proposed terms of peace and the war may continue to the bitter end.

Fire and Famine in Turkey. Mustappa, Turkey, Nov. 27.—Fire, famine and anarchy afflict the besieged Turkish fortress of Adrianople.

Berlin, Nov. 27.—An item of over thirty million dollars entered on the new financial budget is declared unofficially today, intended for paying for enormous reserves of clothing and provisions for man and beast.

Call for Reservists.

Frankfort, Ger., Nov. 27.—The Austro-Hungarian subjects here belonging to the army reserve, have received orders to report to their regiments.

MEDALS OF HONOR TO SIX.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 23.—Five men "of distinguished courage among men of courage," as Mr. Taft called them, received formal acknowledgment for their bravery in the White House to-day when the President presented them with medals of honor awarded for exceptional service on the battlefield.

The men honored were Capt. Archie Miller, quartermaster's department; Capt. Julian De Gajout, first cavalry; First Lieutenant Arthur H. Wilson, sixth cavalry; Second Lieutenant John T. Kennedy, fifth cavalry, and Sergeant Joseph Henderson, sixth cavalry.

"I understand this medal is granted," said President Taft, "not for that courage that officers and men are expected to show under all circumstances; for valor of that extraordinary character which to use the expression of my predecessor, 'puts a fine edge on the fine courage that is shown' and entitles you to bear a mark of distinction among men of courage."

The sixth cavalymen honored to-day all won their spurs in the Philippines. They were under orders from General Leonard Wood when they went on the trail of Jikiri, who had killed hundreds of Chinese and Moros and had become the terror of the Jolo Archipelago.

BLACK MOUNTAIN FIRE-SWEPT.

Only One Store Building of Any Consequence Left in the Town. Asheville, N. C., Nov. 25.—Fire of unknown origin started at midnight and destroyed early to-day the business district of Black Mountain, a town with a population of 1,000 near here.

The fire has been in progress for the past three days, but has not been made public, the managers of the estate preferring to fight it out alone without any publicity.

Gets Forty-one Bales From Only Twenty Acres.

The Dunn, N. C., correspondent of the News and Observer says: G. L. W. Jackson, one of the most progressive farmers of this section, made a bumper cotton crop on part of his farm near town. He has gathered and marketed from twenty acres of land forty-one bales of cotton.

Fire on the Vanderbilt Estate.

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 25.—Fire is devastating the Pink Beds, one of the best timber tracts of the George W. Vanderbilt estate at Biltmore, and an extra force of over a hundred men has been employed to fight the flames which are sweeping through this choice piece of timber land.

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SCHRANK GOES TO ASYLUM.

Colonel Roosevelt's Assailant Must Remain in Hospital Until Cured.

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 22.—John Schrank, who shot Colonel Theodore Roosevelt on the night of October 14 in Milwaukee, is insane and was late this afternoon committed by Municipal Judge A. C. Baskus to the Northern Hospital for the Insane near Oshkosh until cured.

Before being led back to jail to await preparations for the trip to the asylum, Schrank said:

"I had expected they would find me insane, because it was in the papers two days ago. I want to say now that I am sane and know what I am doing all the time. I am not a lunatic and never was one. I was called upon to do a duty and have done it. The commission has sworn away my life. Each member went upon the stand and said I was incurably insane. They can bury me alive if they see fit. I don't care what happens now."

Commitment was pronounced following the reading of an exhaustive report of the commission of five alienists in which the defendants was unanimously adjudged insane, and following the introduction of prima facie evidence of several witnesses.

Conclusions reached by the commission were as follows: "(1) John Schrank is suffering from insane delusions, grandiose in character and of a systematized variety."

"(2) In our opinion, he is insane at the present time.

"(3) On account of the connection existing between his delusions and the act with which he stands charged, we are of the opinion he is unable to confer intelligently with counsel on the conduct of his defense."

SEVERAL WOUNDED IN FIGHT.

Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 25.—In a desperate encounter with negroes at a railroad camp near the Yadkin River early yesterday morning, Rassie Butler, of Liberty, was shot and given wounds which it is said will likely prove fatal.

Two of the negroes are known to have been shot by Butler, who, it is said, opened fire upon a body of negroes who had attacked his companion and who, in turn, gave him a very desperate wound. Young Butler was brought to this city last night and hurried to St. Leo's Hospital, where an examination showed that a number of shot, evidently fired from a shot-gun at close range, had entered the pit of his stomach.

Butler is about eighteen years of age and hails from Liberty, of this county, but had been at work with a construction force near the Yadkin River. He is a son of G. F. Butler, of Liberty.

Must Serve One Minute in Jail and Pay One Cent. Woodstock, Va., Nov. 21.—Joseph Sheetze, a married man of near Edinburg, was to-day found guilty of unlawfully secreting Miss Dora Getz, of the same neighborhood. After a trial lasting more than four days, the verdict was one cent fine and one minute in jail.

The defense was set up that the girl left her home because of inhuman treatment.

The Demons of the Swamp

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